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Dear Producers and Data Users:

Information contained herein is the result of mail, phone, and personal interview surveys conducted during the past few weeks. Special recognition and appreciation are extended to all producers and agribusinesses that provided data to make these reports possible.

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## Prices Received By Farmers

The preliminary United States All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in May, at 114, based on 1990-92=100, increased 1 point (0.9 percent) from April. The Crop Index is up 3 points (2.4 percent) but the Livestock Index decreased 1 point (1.0 percent). Producers received higher prices for lettuce, hogs, onions, and grapefruit. Lower prices were received for cattle, asparagus, tomatoes and eggs. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell.

Increased average marketings of grapes, sweet corn, cantaloupe, and broilers offset decreased marketings of cattle, milk, calves, and apples.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 5 points (4.2 percent) from May 2005. The Food Commodities Index, at 115, increased 1 point (0.9 percent) from last month but decreased 7 points (5.7 percent) from May 2005.

### Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary May 2006 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		May 2005 <sup>1</sup>	April 2006 <sup>1</sup>	May 15, 2006	May 2005 <sup>1</sup>	April 2006 <sup>1</sup>	May 15, 2006	% of Parity	Parity Price <sup>2</sup>
		<i>Dollars</i>			<i>Dollars</i>				
Wheat, All	Bushel	3.20	4.01	4.25	3.31	3.81	4.07	39	10.40
Corn	Bushel	1.93	2.00	2.05	1.98	2.11	2.17	28	7.76
Oats	Bushel	1.66	1.88	1.80	1.64	1.75	1.76	41	4.31
Grain Sorghum	Cwt	3.14	3.59	3.65	3.05	3.70	3.84	32	12.00
Soybeans	Bushel	6.17	5.34	5.50	6.21	5.52	5.62	33	17.20
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	48.00	57.00	59.00	107.00	106.00	114.00		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	48.00	58.00	60.00	116.00	110.00	118.00		
Other, Baled	Ton	46.00	51.00	52.00	75.40	93.20	96.80		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt	23.10	17.10	17.00	31.10	19.00	22.80	42	54.80
Hogs	Cwt	55.90	42.80	47.70	54.90	41.30	47.20	40	117.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	56.30	43.00	48.00	55.50	41.80	47.90		
Sows	Cwt	40.50	30.50	31.00	42.60	28.80	29.40		
Beef Cattle	Cwt	94.20	89.10	83.90	92.10	84.80	81.80	43	192.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	95.20	90.40	85.00	96.10	89.30	85.80		
Cows	Cwt	62.70	48.20	48.20	58.30	48.50	48.00		
Calves	Cwt	148.00	134.00	128.00	143.00	135.00	132.00	49	267.00
Sheep	Cwt	37.90	34.00		43.70	34.90			95.40
Lambs	Cwt	113.00	91.40		114.00	86.80			232.00

<sup>1</sup> Entire month average except hay. <sup>2</sup> Parity price based on data for May 2006.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices May 31, 2006

# Meat Animals Production, Disposition, and Income

## Production, Disposition, and Income: Cattle and Calves, Nebraska and United States, 2004-2005

Inventory, Supply, and Disposition <sup>1</sup>					Production and Income				
Item	Nebraska		United States		Item	Nebraska		United States	
	2004	2005	2004	2005		2004	2005	2004	2005
<i>Thousand Head</i>									
Inventory,					Production <sup>4</sup>				
January 1	6,250.0	6,350.0	94,888.0	95,438.0	Million lbs	4,392.3	4,509.8	41,497.2	41,578.3
Calf Crop	1,800.0	1,800.0	37,505.4	37,780.1	Marketings <sup>5</sup>				
Inshipments	4,000.0	4,050.0	21,398.7	20,841.2	Million lbs	6,972.6	6,979.4	54,046.0	53,068.8
Marketings <sup>2</sup>					Price per cwt.				
Cattle	5,453.0	5,393.0	45,049.2	43,798.0	Cattle \$	88.70	92.30	85.80	89.70
Calves	85.0	85.0	9,116.3	8,918.3	Calves \$	129.00	142.00	119.00	135.00
Farm slaughter <sup>3</sup>	2.0	2.0	185.4	189.3	Value of Production				
Deaths					Million \$	3,605.5	3,836.2	34,830.9	36,739.4
Cattle	85.0	95.0	1,710.8	1,717.7	Cash Receipts <sup>6</sup>				
Calves	75.0	75.0	2,292.4	2,334.5	Million \$	6,196.9	6,458.3	47,507.0	49,208.7
Inventory,					Gross Income <sup>7</sup>				
End of Year	6,350.0	6,500.0	95,438.0	97,101.5	Million \$	6,208.3	6,470.1	47,934.7	49,668.2

## Production, Disposition, and Income: Hogs and Pigs, Nebraska and United States, 2004-2005

Inventory, Supply, and Disposition <sup>1</sup>					Production and Income				
Item	Nebraska		United States		Item	Nebraska		United States	
	2004	2005	2004	2005		2004	2005	2004	2005
<i>Thousand Head</i>									
Inventory, December 1					Production <sup>4</sup>				
Previous Year	2,900.0	2,850.0	60,443.7	60,974.5	Million lbs	1,374.0	1,367.8	26,689.3	27,489.3
Pig Crop (Dec - Nov)	6,204.0	6,327.0	102,780.5	103,858.1	Marketings <sup>5</sup>				
Inshipments	1,000.0	750.0	32,888.4	33,416.2	Million lbs	1,421.5	1,398.9	27,745.0	28,462.4
Marketings <sup>2</sup>	7,008.0	6,846.0	127,562.9	129,056.0	Average Price				
Farm slaughter <sup>3</sup>	1.0	1.0	113.7	108.6	per cwt. \$	50.80	51.80	49.30	50.20
Deaths	245.0	230.0	7,461.7	7,757.4	Value of Production				
Inventory					Million \$ <sup>8</sup>	716.6	730.0	13,072.0	13,643.6
December 1	2,850.0	2,850.0	60,974.5	61,326.9	Cash Receipts <sup>6,8</sup>				
					Million \$	762.0	768.3	14,332.7	15,037.1
					Gross Income <sup>7</sup>				
					Million \$	763.3	769.7	14,369.2	15,072.2

## Production, Disposition, and Income: Sheep and Lambs, Nebraska and United States, 2004-2005

Inventory, Supply, and Disposition <sup>1</sup>					Production and Income				
Item	Nebraska		United States		Item	Nebraska		United States	
	2004	2005	2004	2005		2004	2005	2004	2005
<i>Thousand Head</i>									
Inventory					Production <sup>4</sup>				
January 1 <sup>9</sup>	102.0	97.0	6,105.0	6,135.0	Million lbs	9.7	10.1	464.0	475.5
Lamb Crop	84.0	88.0	4,096.0	4,125.0	Marketings <sup>5</sup>				
Inshipments	47.0	51.0	1,477.6	1,511.1	Million lbs	14.1	13.3	570.5	571.2
Marketings <sup>2</sup>					Price per cwt.				
Sheep	27.0	20.0	695.0	670.7	Sheep \$	37.60	43.70	38.80	45.10
Lambs	94.6	95.6	4,183.5	4,205.7	Lambs \$	98.30	104.00	101.00	110.00
Farm slaughter <sup>3</sup>	0.4	0.4	64.8	65.0	Value of Production				
Deaths					Million \$	8.5	9.4	411.3	456.0
Sheep	4.0	4.0	215.3	216.0	Cash Receipts <sup>6</sup>				
Lambs	10.0	10.0	385.0	383.7	Million \$	11.5	12.1	518.8	569.9
Inventory					Gross Income <sup>7</sup>				
End of Year <sup>9</sup>	97.0	106.0	6,135.0	6,230.0	Million \$	11.7	12.2	530.6	582.7

<sup>1</sup> Balance sheet estimates. <sup>2</sup> Includes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and State outshipments, but excludes interfarm sales within the State. <sup>3</sup> Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments. <sup>4</sup> Adjustments made for changes in inventory and for inshipments. <sup>5</sup> Excludes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and interfarm sales within the State. <sup>6</sup> Receipts from marketings and sale of farm slaughter. <sup>7</sup> Difference between gross income and cash receipts equals value of home consumption. <sup>8</sup> Includes allowance for higher average price of State inshipments and outshipments of feeder pigs. <sup>9</sup> Includes new crop lambs.

Source: USDA NASS Meat Animals Production, Disposition, and Income 2005 Summary, April 2006

**Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and United States, April 2006 with Comparisons**

Item	2005	2006	2006/2005
	<i>Millions</i>	<i>Percent</i>	
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	12.0	11.8	98
United States	343.6	348.5	101
Table Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	263	257	98
United States	6,311	6,475	103
Chickens Hatched, April			
United States			
Egg-type	38.0	34.6	91
Broiler	792.2	787.1	99
Hatched thru April			
Egg-type	152.5	142.6	94
Broiler	3,138.3	3,141.4	100

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, May 22, 2006

**Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, April 2006 with Comparisons**

Item	Total <sup>1</sup>	April 2006 Percent of	
		April 2005	March 2006
Nebraska	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle, head	548.0	101	98
Hogs, head	548.8	91	90
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	541.5	101	94
United States			
Cattle, head	2,607.4	102	91
Calves, head	47.5	77	80
Hogs, head	7,955.6	94	86
Sheep & Lambs, head	248.5	113	100
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	3,614.4	100	88

<sup>1</sup> Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, May 19, 2006

**Farm Labor: Number and Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers, Selected Regions and United States, April 10-16, 2005 & April 9-15, 2006<sup>1</sup>**

Region <sup>2</sup>	Number of Workers		Wage Rates							
			All Hired Workers		Type of work					
					Field		Livestock		Field & Livestock	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>Thousands</i>				<i>Dollars per Hour</i>					
Lake	55	57	9.95	10.30	8.99	9.32	10.05	9.94	9.45	9.63
Cornbelt I	41	45	9.51	10.49	8.84	10.18	9.17	9.52	8.91	10.00
Cornbelt II	27	27	9.38	10.12	8.85	8.45	9.27	10.38	9.06	9.46
Northern Plains	27	27	9.70	9.84	9.33	9.67	9.69	8.64	9.46	9.25
Southern Plains	55	55	9.28	9.37	8.13	8.24	9.15	9.06	8.53	8.64
Mountain I	24	23	8.43	9.22	7.89	9.20	8.49	8.57	8.23	8.81
Mountain II	20	19	8.50	9.08	7.70	8.39	8.41	8.98	8.02	8.65
United States	753	718	9.35	9.79	8.56	8.96	9.14	9.30	8.72	9.07

<sup>1</sup> Excludes agricultural service workers.

<sup>2</sup> Regions consist of the following: Lake: Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin; Cornbelt I: Illinois, Indiana, Ohio; Cornbelt II: Iowa, Missouri; Northern Plains: Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota; Southern Plains: Oklahoma, Texas; Mountain I: Idaho, Montana, Wyoming; Mountain II: Colorado, Nevada, Utah.

Source: USDA NASS Farm Labor, May 19, 2006

**All Hired Workers: Wage Rates, by Economic Class of Farm by Region and 48 States, April 9-15, 2006<sup>1</sup>**

Region <sup>2</sup>	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$249,999	\$250,000-\$499,999	\$500,000-\$999,999	1,000,000+	All Farms
	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>						
Northeast	10.61	9.46	7.90	9.89	9.36	11.61	10.60
Appalachian	7.84	9.65	7.32	8.13	9.48	10.16	9.20
Southeast	7.31	7.35	7.77	9.38	9.87	9.34	9.19
Lake	7.77	11.88	11.52	3	9.72	10.26	10.30
Cornbelt	10.70	9.36	7.02	9.28	9.15	10.04	10.36
Delta	8.08	8.68	8.71	7.95	8.86	7.74	8.00
No. Plains	9.63	3	8.86	8.54	9.60	10.79	9.84
So. Plains	8.12	9.62	8.99	11.49	7.89	9.83	9.37
Mountain	7.84	8.96	9.14	7.30	9.95	9.74	9.16
Pacific	11.15	10.18	9.67	10.53	10.04	10.12	10.16
48 States	8.83	9.78	8.56	9.71	9.59	10.08	9.77

<sup>1</sup> Excludes agricultural service workers. <sup>2</sup> Regions consist of: Northeast: CT, DE, MD, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT. Appalachian: KY, NC, TN, VA, WV. Southeast: AL, FL, GA, SC. Lake: MI, MN, WI. Cornbelt: IA, IL, IN, MO, OH. Delta: AR, LA, MS. Northern Plains: KS, NE, ND, SD. Southern Plains: OK, TX. Mountain: AZ, CO, ID, MT, NM, NV, UT, WY. Pacific: CA, OR, WA. 48 States: All States, excluding AK and HI. <sup>3</sup> Insufficient data.

Source: USDA NASS Farm Labor, May 19, 2006

## Price Reactions After USDA Crop Reports

USDA Report and Price reaction	Corn			
	Day After Report		Week After Report	
	Number of Reports	Average Price Change	Number Reports	Average Price Change
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Cents Per Bu</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Cents Per Bu</i>
<b>Crop Production 1985-2005</b>				
Price Increases	40	4.8	52	7.2
No Price Change (NC)	16	NC	1	NC
Price Decreases	49	-5.2	52	-10.0
Total	105		105	
<b>Grain Stocks 1984-2005</b>				
Price Increases	38	5.1	42	8.6
No Price Change (NC)	7	NC	5	NC
Price Decreases	44	-4.5	42	-8.7
Total	89		89	

Source: USDA NASS Price Reactions After USDA Crop Reports, March 2006

### USDA-NASS Acreage & Hog Surveys

Acreage and hog inventories, as well as almost all other statistics from the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), are based on responses from commodity producers. These reports are the factual information all market participants use to make informed decisions in the buying/selling process.

The table above shows the corn price reaction after the *Crop Production* and *Grain Stocks* reports are released. This table confirms that prices remain unchanged or rise as often as they decline after the USDA-NASS reports. The real value in these reports is the concrete information the market has to work with, not rumors or speculation. The greatest benefit of these reports is reduced volatility in the market for both seller and buyer. This reduced volatility, as a result of the factual supply information, can translate into higher market prices for sellers since the buyers risks are reduced.

Only you, as a producer, can ensure that the reports are as accurate as possible by participating in the surveys conducted by USDA-NASS. If called or visited, please take a few minutes to respond.

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